


	BOND FUNDING	CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER SOURCES
<b>Schools</b>	\$231.2 million	\$38.6 million*
<b>Public Safety</b>	\$15.3 million	\$9.8 million
<b>Libraries</b>	\$35.6 million	\$5.9 million
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	\$19.7 million	\$10.4 million
<b>Roads</b>	\$40 million	**
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$341.7 million	

\*An additional \$34.8 million of capital reserve will be used to support technology for classrooms and to support student performance throughout the school division.


\*\*The county will continue to seek customary federal and state funds to supplement some of these projects.

This bond referendum will not result in a tax-rate increase, based on the county's adopted Capital Improvement Program for fiscal years 2005 through 2011.

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### Vote ■ Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004




**2004**  
**BOND**  
Referendum

**Chesterfield County, Va.**

This fall, Chesterfield County voters will be asked to decide on a local bond referendum for schools, public safety, libraries, parks and recreation, and road projects.

The referendum, which totals \$341.7 million, would fund capital improvements countywide – and do it without a tax rate increase.

Voters overwhelmingly approved a similar bond referendum in 1996. The results included



a new emergency communications system, new fire and rescue stations, new schools and school renovations, new libraries, new or expanded parks and other park improvements, and other projects that are meeting public needs today.

The projects outlined in this bond referendum were selected to maintain Chesterfield County's quality of life. These projects represent input gained through community meetings and public hearings by both the Board of Supervisors and the School Board.

#### No tax rate increase

Local governments such as Chesterfield County periodically issue general obligation bonds to fund projects that will benefit citizens long-term. This referendum, like the one in '96, would not result in a tax rate increase due to the county's financial and debt-management policies, which incorporate spending plans for both capital projects and debt service. These plans provide sufficient funds to repay the bonds without a tax rate increase, based on the county's adopted Capital Improvement Program for fiscal years 2005 through 2011.

In fact, Chesterfield County has cut the real-estate tax rate twice since the last bond referendum – from \$1.09 to \$1.08 in 1998 and to \$1.07 in 2002.

#### “AAA” Bond Ratings

Chesterfield County maintains the most favorable bond ratings from the nation's top three bond-rating agencies.

The “AAA” rating means that Chesterfield County can get lower interest rates on the bonds it issues compared to other localities with less-favorable bond ratings. Many of the capital projects proposed under the bond referendum would be partially paid for with \$64.7 million in contributions from other funding sources, such as general-fund revenues, grants and cash proffers. These funds are used similar to a down payment that someone makes when buying a new home or automobile. General-fund revenue contributions are possible because the county sets aside 5 percent of its general fund to pay for capital improvements. Chesterfield County Public Schools does the same in its budget.

If approved by voters, the bonds from this referendum would be issued over seven years, beginning in 2005, as the projects outlined in the plan are started.





**Schools**  
**\$231.2 million**

Five new schools, including a replacement for Clover Hill High School, two elementary schools and two middle schools; 13 renovation or addition projects; and major maintenance projects are planned. The total funding for schools is \$269.8 million, including \$231.2 million from bond funds and \$38.6 million from other funding sources. An additional \$34.8 million of capital reserve will be used to support technology for classrooms and to support student performance throughout the school division. The planned projects include:

**New Schools**

- ★ Two new elementary schools – one in the Bermuda area and one in the 360 west area
- ★ Two new middle schools – one in the Clover Hill/Midlothian area and one in the Bermuda area
- ★ A replacement for Clover Hill High School

**Renovations and additions**

- ★ An addition to L.C. Bird High School
- ★ Renovations and additions to Midlothian High School
- ★ Renovations and additions at Bellwood, Bon Air, Ecoff, Falling Creek, Gates and Watkins elementary schools
- ★ Renovations and additions at Falling Creek, Midlothian, Robious, Salem Church and Swift Creek middle schools
- ★ Major maintenance projects at various schools



**Public Safety**  
**\$15.3 million**

About \$25 million is planned for public-safety projects, including two new fire and rescue stations and the completion of the Enon public-safety training facility. As a result of this bond referendum, live fire training and rescue simulators would be installed, the vehicle driving range completed and facilities for classrooms added. The public-safety plan includes \$15.3 million in bond funds and \$9.8 million in contributions from other funding sources. The planned projects include:

- ★ Two new fire and rescue stations – one in the Route 1 and Harrowgate Road area and one near the intersection of Courthouse Road and Route 288
- ★ Completion of the Public Safety Training Center at Enon



**Libraries**  
**\$35.6 million**

Plans for three new libraries, one library expansion, renovations, technology upgrades and 50 percent matching funds for a community arts center adjacent to the Chester Library branch are included in this bond issue. One of the new libraries will be in the Reams-Gordon community and the other in the area of Robious and Huguenot roads. Another library, planned for the Route 360 west area, is still in the preliminary stages. The library plan includes \$41.5 million, of which \$35.6 million is bond funds and



\$5.9 million is contributions from other funding sources. The planned projects include:

- ★ Two new libraries - Reams-Gordon and Robious Road areas
- ★ An expansion at Meadowdale Library
- ★ Renovations at Bon Air and Ettrick-Matoaca libraries
- ★ Preliminary planning for a Route 360 west area library
- ★ Technology upgrades in all existing libraries
- ★ 50 percent matching funds for a community arts center adjacent to Chester Library



**Parks and Recreation**  
**\$19.7 million**

A variety of parks and recreation projects are planned, including the development of three new parks and athletic sites, major maintenance projects at parks and school sites countywide, and expansions at 12 existing sites. About \$30.1 million is planned for parks and recreation projects, of which \$19.7 million is bond funds and \$10.4 million is contributions from other funding sources. The planned projects include:



- ★ Dutch Gap boat launch and nature center
- ★ Appomattox River Canoe Launch expansion
- ★ Three new parks – Falling Creek Park - North, Chester Kiwanis Community Park and Route 360 west area park
- ★ Park and school improvements – Fernbrook Neighborhood Park, Goyne Park/Ecoff Elementary School, Irvin G. Horner Park, Lake Chesdin Park, Matoaca Park, Mid-Lothian Coal Mines Park, Robious Landing Park and others
- ★ Sports/athletic facilities improvements – Lowe's Soccer Complex, Manchester and Midlothian middle schools, Midlothian High School, New Clover Hill Middle School and Spring Run Athletic Complex
- ★ Major maintenance projects at various parks and schools



**Roads**  
**\$40 million**

State budget shortfalls, have placed many needed state road projects on hold. Voters will consider \$40 million worth of countywide road-improvement projects in this bond referendum. The county will continue to seek customary federal and state funds to supplement some of these projects. The planned projects include:

- ★ Route 360 six- and eight-lane expansions between Swift Creek and Winterpock Road
- ★ Route 10 six- and eight-lane expansions between Interstate 95 and Ware Bottom Spring Road
- ★ Widening Woolridge Road between Coalfield Road and Charter Colony Parkway
- ★ Widening Route 10 to six lanes from Frith Lane to Greenyard Road and constructing additional turn lanes at the intersection of Route 10 and Beach Road
- ★ Adding shoulders and straightening a curve on Beulah Road between Salem Church and Hopkins roads
- ★ Widening Robious Road to four lanes between Twin Team Lane and Robious Forest Way
- ★ Adding sidewalks at various locations

